

## APPROVED FAO GRADUATE SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Program Requirements	General Condition	Specific Measure
1. Recognized regionally focused Master Degree Program. Would normally refer to regional studies International Relations/Studies with a Concentration/Cerification in the applicable Region are acceptable if they meet the Criteria contained herein.	1. Measures of program sufficiency include number of regional courses offered, faculty on station during a school year, and stated goals of the graduate program.	1a. 2/3s of program course must be devoted to identifiable regional course work. The other concentrates on International Relations and and US Defense and Foreign policy coursework.  1b. All subject programs must offer a minimum of 30 hours (not including thesis hours, if a thesis is required).
2. National academic recognition for degree Program.	2. Either Accreditation Associations, Department of Education, or Professional Association evaluation	2a. Membership in appropriate regional professional association.  <i>Enhancing:</i>  2b. Certification by the Department of Education as qualified to receive fellowship monies in the field.  2c. Certification by the Department of Education as a National Resource Center for the region in question.
3. Maximum time frame for completing degree Requirement must be no more than 18 months w/12 months preferred. Minimum work per semester term or equivalent is 12 hours	3. Determined by PERSCOM. School must conform to limits – a two year curriculum can be certified if documented by the school administration that it can be completed in 1 ½ yr.	3a. Same as General Condition.
4. Maximum allowable cost is PERSCOM Stated annual limit for “low cost” program.	4. Hard limitation! School must either Meet rqmt or reduce tuition to rqmt.	4a. Same as General Condition. Current ceiling is 14.5K/FAO.
5. Program must include core regional courses from history, political, and economic disciplines, as well as a range of pertinent regionally oriented courses in anthropology, government, literature, sociology, and geography.	5. Program must show a wide range of disciplines – our goal is to educate well-rounded regional specialists.	5a. Review of course guide and faculty representation for specific course content.
6. Language must be maintained during graduate studies by taking a least two language or language/literature courses during the graduate studies program.	6. Advanced language instruction must be available for students. Proficiency testing not sufficient.	6a. Program review must either offer language courses or alternative.
7. No Army requirement exists for thesis option, although we realize that many schools require it as an integral part of their programs. Additional regional course work in lieu of a thesis option is a valid substitution from our point of view and meets with our program goal -- see General Condition 5, above.	7. No impact on graduate program list selection.	7a. No impact.